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β -HYDROXY SHORT TO MEDIUM
CHAIN FATTY ACID POLYMER
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- JP 2002-50027 corresponds to WO 99/34687 A1, EP 1 045 642 A1 and U.S. 6,207,217
-JP 5-503637 corresponds to WO 92/09211 A1, CA 2,069,445 and 5,229,158
-JP 63-258810 corresponds to DE 37 12 095 A1 and U.S. 4,902,516
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5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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